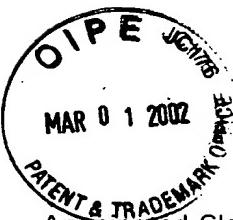


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PATENT APPLICATION

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Prior application:

Examiner: Kevin D. Williams
Art Unit: 2854

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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) 37 CFR 1.53(d)

Sir:

This is a request for a filing under the continuing application procedure, 37 CFR 1.53(d), for a
 continuation
 divisional

Prior Application

Application No. 09/491,994 filed Jan. 26, 2000

Title (as originally filed) AN OPTICAL INTERLINK BETWEEN AN OPTICAL TRANSDUCER AND OPTICAL DATA PORT

Title (as last amended) _____

Name of applicant(s) Curtis Gregory Kelsay

- The prior application is hereby abandoned.
 The issue fee in the prior application has not been paid.
 Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings and entered amendments, as the basic papers for the new application.

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

- Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior Application No. _____
filed on _____ in _____.
 The certified copy has been filed in prior Application No. _____
filed _____.
 A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Petition for Extension of Time in Prior Application

- A petition for extension of time is enclosed herewith.

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**CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION
(CPA) (37 CFR 1.53(d)) (continued)**

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Assignment

- The prior application is assigned to Hewlett-Packard Company.
 The prior application is assigned to Hewlett-Packard Company and _____
 The prior application is assigned to _____.

Inventorship Statement

- Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.62(a) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Declaration and Power of Attorney

- The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

Customer Number **022879**

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Number Bar Code
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- The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
 The power does not appear in the original papers, but was filed on _____.

 Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent _____
Registration No. _____
 Authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record.
 The Associate Attorney or Agent may not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents.

Communications

- Address all future communications to:

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Direct telephone calls to:
Anthony J Baca
(208) 396-3597

Waiver of Secrecy

It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file wrapper of a CPA application, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file wrapper, the PTO may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file wrapper.

Other Amendments

- Before calculating the filing fee, amend the prior application as follows:
 Cancel the following claims _____
 Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.
 Enter the Amendment(s) under 37 CFR 1.116 dated November 20, 2001
that was unentered in the Prior Application. A copy of the Amendment(s) is (are) enclosed.

CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION
(CPA) (37 CFR 1.53(d)) (continued)

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Fee Calculation

(X) The filing fee is calculated below for (X) Utility () Design

CLAIMS AS FILED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY				
(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) TOTALS
TOTAL CLAIMS	20 — 20	0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 — 3	0	X \$84	\$ 0
ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS	0		\$280	\$ 0
			BASIC FEE: Design (\$330.00); Utility (\$740.00)	\$ 740.
			TOTAL FILING FEE	\$ 740
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$400.00	3RD MONTH \$920.00	4TH MONTH \$1440.00
				\$ 110
			TOTAL CHARGES TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	\$ 850

Charge \$ 850 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Curtis Gregory Kelsay

By 

Anthony J. Baca

Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)
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Date: 3-1-02

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